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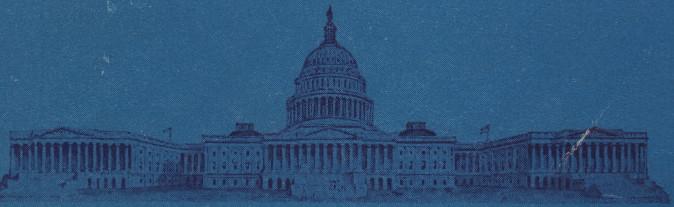

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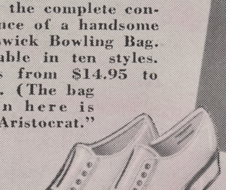

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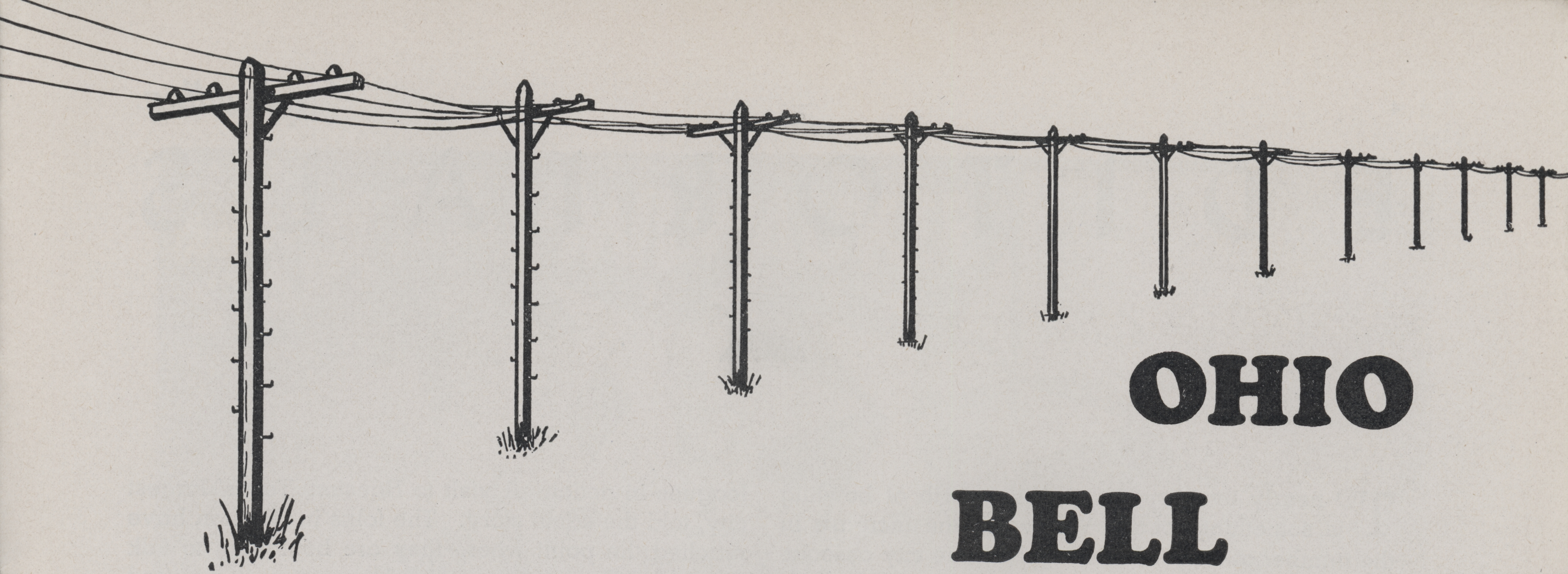

OHIO BELL TELEPHONE

Employs 3000 live-wire Buckeye bowlers!

▼ By HARVEY BUTLER,
News Representative, Ohio Bell Telephone Co., Cleveland

BY DAY they erect telephone poles, string lines to new territory, trouble shoot for repairs, install instruments, operate switchboards, drive trucks, punch typewriters or adding machines, do filing or buy or sell new equipment—at night they all bowl. Or so it seems, for of the 10,000 employees of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, it is conservatively estimated that 3,000—nearly one-third—bowl in one league or another.

Our records here in Cleveland show only those bowling leagues which are composed of nothing but Ohio Bell employees. How many individual telephone teams there may be bowling in industrial, civic, commercial and other leagues we have no way of telling. But wherever we have undertaken to organize bowling leagues, we have found the response too heavy. By that I mean that we have always ended up with more bowlers than we have positions. Often we increase the size of the league to accommodate them, but that cannot always be done because of the shortage of available lanes on which to bowl. However, it's a good indication and the Ohio Bell Telephone Company is glad to have its employees spend their leisure time in pursuing the elusive and stubborn tenpin.

Ohio is, as you may know, a quite populous state. In this respect it ranks fourth among the 48. It has many large cities and we have found that wherever there are more than two or three bowlers in one spot, they start a league.

PICTURES

A layout of pictures of some of the bowlers in the Ohio Bell Telephone Company's annual tournament with employees of the Western Electric Company and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, will be found on page 18.

Naturally, the Ohio Bell is not in a position to accommodate its bowlers in all the towns in which it operates. It does, however, give full co-operation in the larger cities. Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Youngstown, Akron, Canton, Dayton all have their Ohio Bell Telephone Leagues. The girls also have their leagues in Akron, Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton and Toledo. There are about 1000 who participate in this regularly-scheduled bowling program of Ohio Bell. We are able to tell with a fair degree of accuracy how many other bowlers we have in our organization, not only from the response we have drawn from new league invitations, but from the bowlers themselves who know that others in the organization bowl.

PLENTY OF BOWLING

League bowling is not the only bowling which is done by Ohio Bell employees, however. Many times during the season Ohio Bell bowlers hold inter- and intracity matches. The largest of these is the annual tournament held for employees of Ohio Bell, Western Electric and American Telephone and Telegraph. This is a statewide event and its popularity has been proved many times over by the enormous entry list which has to be handled each year.

This tournament is now in its third year. In its first year, the bowlers bowled in their respective cities and telephoned the results of their bowling to Cleveland from which point complete tournament results were sent out. However, last season and the year before all the bowlers competed on the drives of Riverview Recreation, Columbus. Columbus was chosen because of its central location and easy accessibility from all points in Ohio.

Just as a matter of record, Youngstown won the tournament the first two years. Incidentally, it was the same team each year, too. A score of 2935 was required of the winners. Included in this total were series of 679 by Roy Alberts and 637 by Andy Meek. Harry Hill, George Salaggi and Guy Spencer were also on the team. As stated, the team repeated in 1940, getting 2782. However, Henry Smith and Earl Patterson had replaced Salaggi and Spencer. Hill and Alberts combined to win the tournament doubles with 1295, with Alberts contributing a 735 series.

COLUMBUS TEAM WINS

Last year Columbus won it with a team composed of Ralph Folsom, Robert Keethler, Pete Nicklaus, Frank Emrich and Robert Howison. They shot a nice 2895 total. Meek upheld the Youngstown reputation, however, by winning the all-events with 1781. D. M. Pennell and E. B. Woodling, Akron, won the doubles with 1223. Forty teams competed in the tournament last year, representing 220 men. There were 88 places paid off in the doubles and 149 in the singles, so balanced is the prize distribution.

The Ohio Bell "number please" girls held their first tournament this last year, also at Columbus' Riverview. Tommy (yes, she's a girl) Hornyak, Toledo, who owns the feminine three-game record of the Maumee city with 655,

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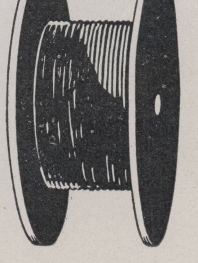


EDITORIALS

TO nearly everyone of us the growth of bowling is something local. We watch the increase in the number of leagues in our respective city associations, we inspect the new tenpin establishments which are being built within the limits of our communities and we take an active part in the affairs of our local bowling organizations. They being our own organizations, it is only natural that they should receive the lion's share of the attention we give to our popular pastime.

Many of us do not realize what is going on in other sections of the country. We see pictures of establishments being opened in this city or that, but for some reason, the story doesn't register.

One of the last vicinities to enter the tenpin picture is what is known as the Great Southwest. Technically, the Great Southwest includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico and a few other states, or parts of them. Texas, we believe is symbolic, surely typical, of the Great Southwest.

Our secretary, Elmer H. Baumgarten, has just returned from a Labor Day visit to Texas. It was the first time he had been to Texas for an official visit since 1934, shortly after assuming the secretaryship of the American Bowling Congress. He wasn't amazed by the changes and improvements which Texans have brought about in their tenpin situation. He knew about these changes and improvements before he left Milwaukee. But he did return with a fine assortment of superlatives to describe Texas bowling. The picture he saw there surpassed what his imagination had led him to believe was the right one.

The Bowlers' Day Celebration, the largest demonstration of its kind, which finds San Antonio being turned over to its bowlers and those of many other Texas cities and several other states, had not been over-described, he learned. Our secretary also saw some of the bowlers of San Antonio's 48 summer leagues in action. A visit to Houston, Texas' largest city, told the same story. The folks in Houston have reached the point where they are beginning to talk of an A.B.C. tournament for Houston and inquired the procedure necessary to obtain the event.

A.B.C. tournament in Houston! How strange that reads. Who would have guessed, even five years ago, that Memphis and Houston and Los Angeles and San Francisco would ever enter the field of bidding? The former two have not, as yet, but they're asking questions. For their information, that is the first step of the procedure.

It's too bad we couldn't all make the trip to Texas and to San Antonio and other points of the Great Southwest to discover that bowling down there is not only catching up with the rest of the country, it's already caught up, and, in some respects, is out in front.

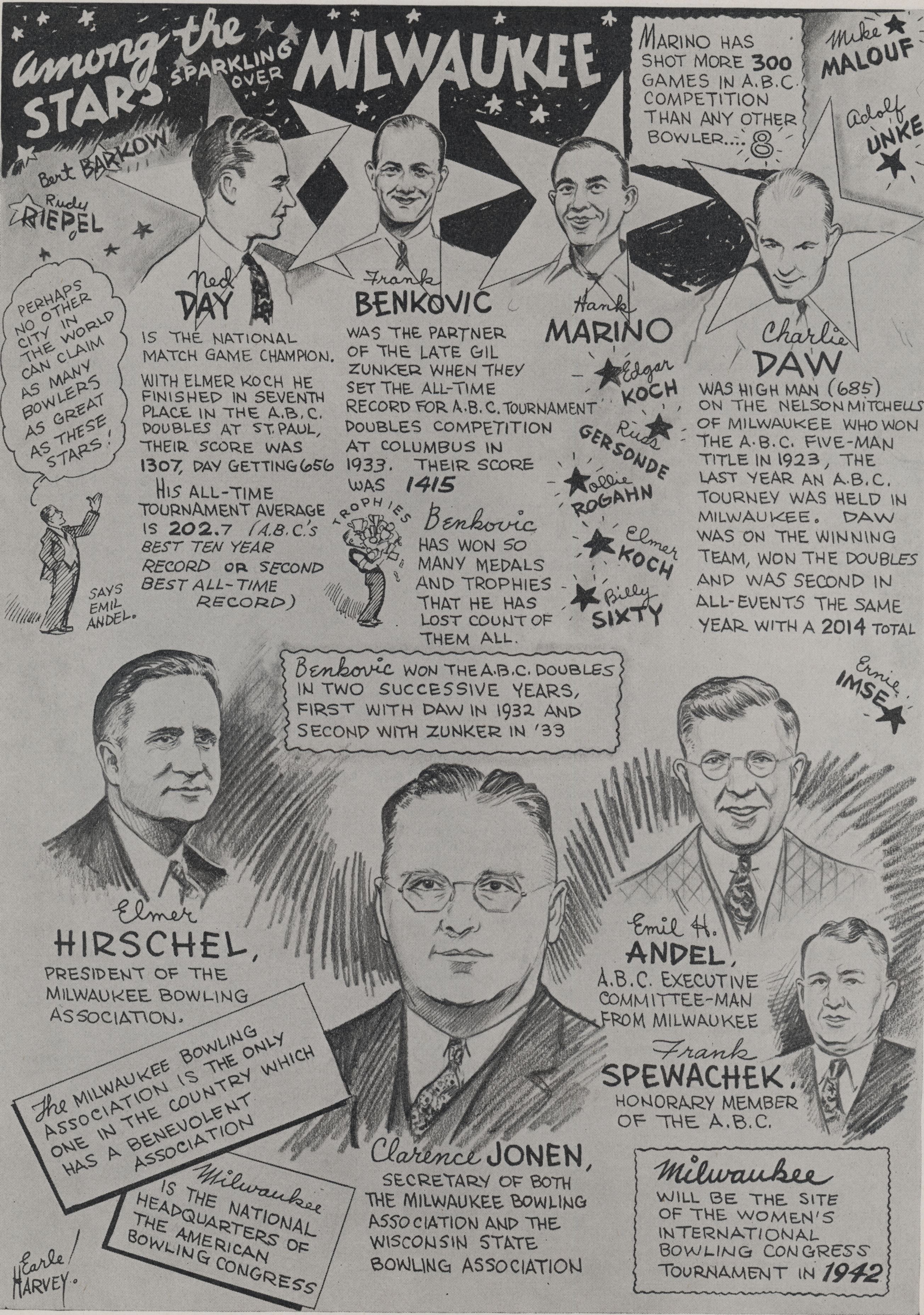
A BOWLING score sheet is a funny thing.

We dropped into a bowling establishment the other evening for a few lines. On the lane adjacent to ours was a lone bowler, wheeling 'em down the drive and then returning to the score sheet to record the result. On the other side of him was another bowler also "playing solitaire," so to speak. He likewise was sending the old apple down the alley and then marching back to mark up his count.

Neither had his name on his respective sheet. After a few frames they began talking about their games and soon decided to use but one lane between them. Promptly each set down his first name —we even recall the names, Ray and Phil. From then on it was Ray this and Phil that, "nice shot, Ray" and "tough luck, Phil."

We saw them later at the fountain and from the conversation, Phil had Ray all signed up for his first experience at league bowling.

Nice going, score sheet!



Among the STARS SPARKLING OVER MILWAUKEE

MARINO HAS SHOT MORE **300** GAMES IN A.B.C. COMPETITION THAN ANY OTHER BOWLER.... 8

PERHAPS NO OTHER CITY IN THE WORLD CAN CLAIM AS MANY BOWLERS AS GREAT AS THESE STARS! SAYS EMIL ANDEL.

Ned DAY IS THE NATIONAL MATCH GAME CHAMPION.

WITH ELMER KOCH HE FINISHED IN SEVENTH PLACE IN THE A.B.C. DOUBLES AT ST. PAUL, THEIR SCORE WAS 1307, DAY GETTING 656

HIS ALL-TIME TOURNAMENT AVERAGE IS **202.7** (A.B.C.'s BEST TEN YEAR RECORD OR SECOND BEST ALL-TIME RECORD)

Frank BENKOVIC WAS THE PARTNER OF THE LATE GIL ZUNKER WHEN THEY SET THE ALL-TIME RECORD FOR A.B.C. TOURNAMENT DOUBLES COMPETITION AT COLUMBUS IN 1933. THEIR SCORE WAS **1415**

Benkovic HAS WON SO MANY MEDALS AND TROPHIES THAT HE HAS LOST COUNT OF THEM ALL.

Hank MARINO

Charlie DAW WAS HIGH MAN (685) ON THE NELSON MITCHELLS OF MILWAUKEE WHO WON THE A.B.C. FIVE-MAN TITLE IN 1923, THE LAST YEAR AN A.B.C. TOURNEY WAS HELD IN MILWAUKEE. DAW WAS ON THE WINNING TEAM, WON THE DOUBLES AND WAS SECOND IN ALL-EVENTS THE SAME YEAR WITH A **2014** TOTAL

Benkovic WON THE A.B.C. DOUBLES IN TWO SUCCESSIVE YEARS, FIRST WITH DAW IN 1932 AND SECOND WITH ZUNKER IN '33

Elmer HIRSCHEL, PRESIDENT OF THE MILWAUKEE BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

Emil H. ANDEL, A.B.C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-MAN FROM MILWAUKEE

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Clarence JONEN, SECRETARY OF BOTH THE MILWAUKEE BOWLING ASSOCIATION AND THE WISCONSIN STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Milwaukee WILL BE THE SITE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BOWLING CONGRESS TOURNAMENT IN **1942**

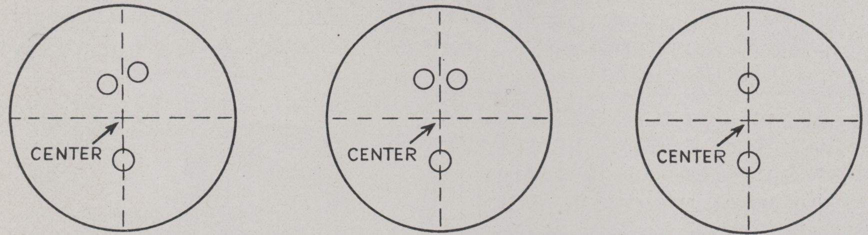
Knotty Problems

▼ By A. H. JOHNSON

Weight and balance of a bowling ball

EVER since 1913 the American Bowling Congress has forbidden the use of loaded balls (those overweight or out of balance) in its annual tournament. The use of such balls is prohibited in sanctioned league or tournament play. It is safe to say that only a very small percentage of the members of the American Bowling Congress have any idea what is required in a bowling ball in order to meet every A. B.C. specification and requirement.

We are therefore not only setting forth this important provision, pertaining to the weight, size and proper balance of bowling balls, but also by means of sketches, we will attempt to illustrate the six-way ball weighing and balancing method required by the American Bowling Congress before any ball may be considered properly checked and approved. Because of so much confusion over the present provisions relating to the proper size, weight and balance of a regulation bowling ball, it was necessary that they be codified without actually changing any previous ABC interpretation. This has been done and we feel confident the new presentation will be more understandable than heretofore. For the benefit of those who may not have a 1941-1942 rule book handy, Rules 10 and 11 of ABC Rules and Regulations now read as follows:



RULE 10 (WEIGHT AND SIZE)

Bowling balls shall not have a circumference of more than 27 inches, nor shall they be more than 16 pounds or less than 10 pounds in weight. The diameter of any ball must be constant.

RULE 11 (BALANCE)

Bowling balls shall be so constructed and drilled that no less than six sides shall be in proper balance.

A bowling ball is considered in proper balance provided:

(1) There is a difference of no more than three ounces between the weight or balance at the top of the ball (the finger hole side) and the bottom, the solid side opposite the finger holes.

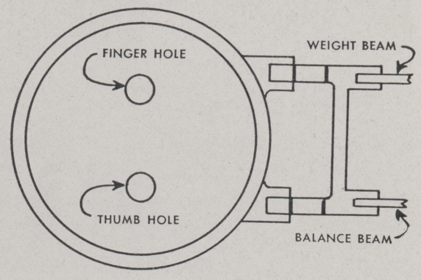
(2) There is a difference of no more than one ounce in balance between the sides to the right and left of the finger holes.

(3) There is a difference of no more than one ounce in balance between the sides in front and back of the finger holes.

The drilling, loading of, or tampering with a bowling ball in any way to increase its weight or to make a dodo effect, or to cause it to weigh more on one side than the other and throw it off balance is prohibited and the use of such ball forbidden.

Any ball which does not conform with any of these provisions may not be used in leagues or tournaments sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress.

POSITION NO. 1 — GIVES WEIGHT FOR STARTING
ALSO WEIGHT OF RIGHT HAND HALF OF BALL.



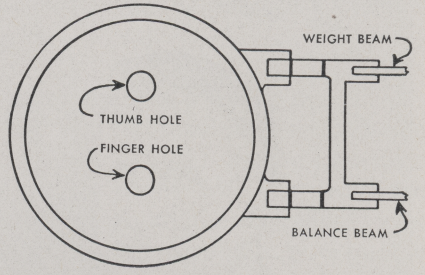
In order to better understand just how the sides of a bowling ball are described, study the following:

(1) Right side, designates side to right of finger holes, thumb hole furthest from the individual holding the ball.

(2) Left side, designates side to left of finger holes, thumb hole furthest from the individual holding the ball.

(3) Top, designates the finger hole side of the ball, generally referred to as the light side.

POSITION NO. 2 — WEIGHING LEFT HAND SIDE OF BALL.



(4) Bottom, designates the solid side opposite finger hole side. This is usually the heaviest side, but sometimes there are exceptions.

(5) Front side, designates the side in front of thumb hole.

(6) Back side, designates the side in back of finger hole or holes.

All sketches are shown looking down on the ball and scale, except sketch "A" which represents the front side view. The type of scale shown in sketch "A" represents the most widely used dodo scale.

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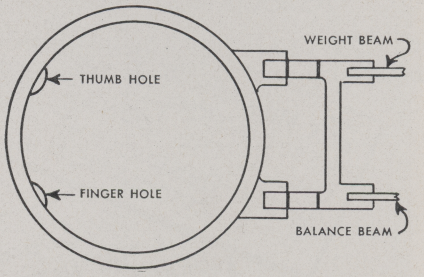
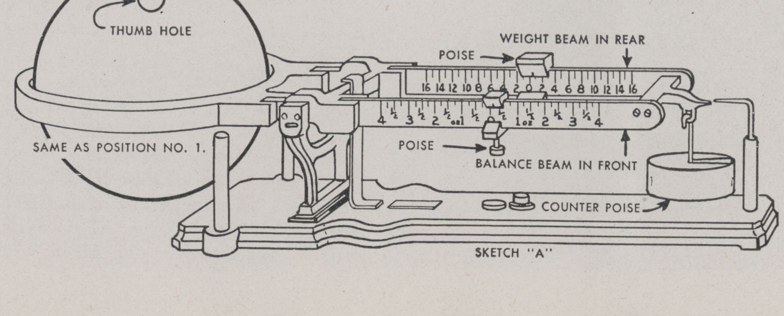
POSITION NO. 3 — WEIGHING TOP OF BALL.





SKETCH "A"

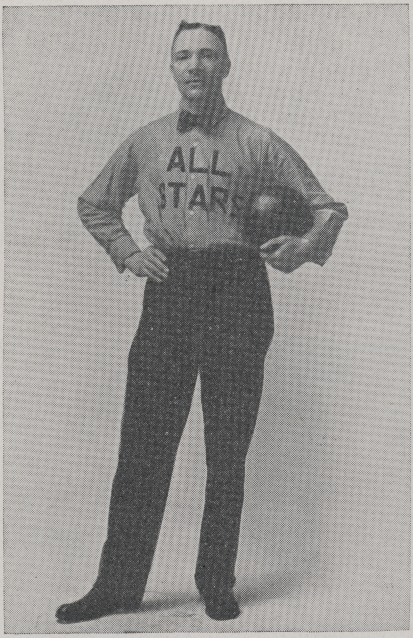
Concerning

John Koster

The only man to win four A.B.C. titles

By ED. MAURER,
Executive Committeeman, New York Bowling Association

FIFTY-FOUR years ago, in 1887, a young lad of 15 years of age, came over to the United States from Bremen, Germany and settled in Brooklyn. That lad was destined to become one of the greatest bowlers of his era and the one man to hold more American Bowling Congress championship tournament honors than any other right up until the present day.



That lad was born John Koster, the son of Herr and Fraulein Johann Kof(s)ter of Bremen, Germany. He saw the light of day on January 31, 1872. It is a long time since that cold January day in Germany, 69 years to be exact, but in that time "Long John" Koster, as he became to be affectionately known, came on to be the only four-time A.B.C. champion in the history of the Congress. Not only that, but he was second in the A.B.C. championships on three other occasions.

Koster was 19 years of age when he took a job in a grocery and delicatessen store in Brooklyn and one of his tasks was to go over to New York City for provisions. It was one of these occasions that he happened by one of the few bowling alleys of that time and he was nosey enough to go in and see what it was all about.

That curiosity got him mixed up in a sport that he was later to excel in and become a national figure. Long John was inveigled into a game by some of the sharp shooters of that day (a 150 average was big stuff) and it wasn't long before he was holding his own with the best of them.

IN FIRST A.B.C. TOURNEY

Koster bowled in the first A.B.C. national tournament in Chicago in 1901 and has appeared in 21 of the championships since that time. His first taste of championship honors came in the 1902 tournament at Buffalo, N. Y. He was a member of the Fedelias of New York and the team took the title with a 2,792 total. Koster contributed a 639 series in the team event, had 555 in the doubles and 647 in the singles. He was nosed out of individual honors by Fred Strong of Chicago, who had 649.

However, Long John's 639-555-647 gave him an all-events total of 1,841 to be declared the all-events champion of that year.

It was ten years later when Koster again came up with a championship team. That was in 1912 at Chicago when

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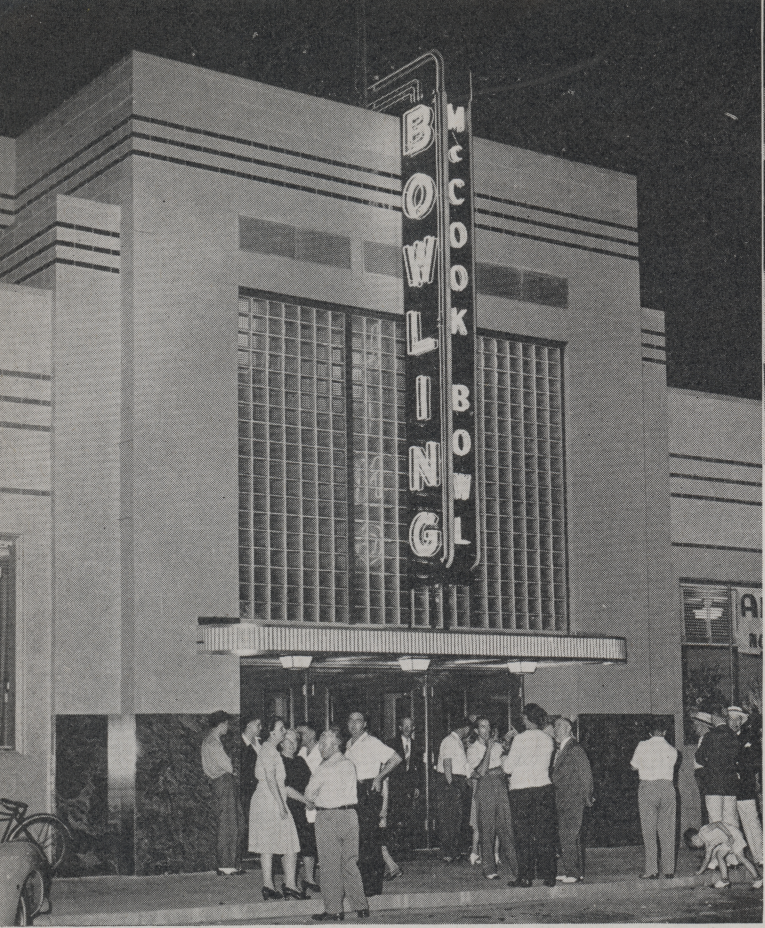
John Koster, as he appears today, is seen in the picture above on the right. To the left, the upper photo gives us an idea of how "Long John" appeared in his prime. As a member of the New York Brunswick All-Stars, who won an idea of how "Long John' appeared in his prime, as photo on the left is the more modern Nyack Roofing team which won the New York state title at Syracuse in 1928. Standing, left to right, are Koster, Al Turk, Andy Hiltenbrand. Seated, Barney Spinella, left, Harry Servas.



THOUSANDS ATTEND OPENING OF DAYTON'S McCook Bowl

Above is the beautifully-designed entrance to McCook Bowl, Dayton, O., newest of the nation's showplace bowling establishments. McCook Bowl has 44 lanes in a row without posts and in this respect is second only to Hollywood's Sunset Bowling Center. A crowd of 4000 watched the opening ceremonies and a small section of this throng can be seen in the picture above at the right as Toastmaster Charles Stonebarger presents the notables present for the occasion.

ALL THE pomp and circumstances attendant upon a world premier was occasioned the night of Saturday, August 23, by the opening of the new McCook Bowl. Four thousand vitally-interested spectators viewed the ceremonies which presented to the bowlers of Dayton, O., one of the showplace tenpin spots of the nation. Another thousand were unable to gain admission as the huge 44-lane establishment was officially dedicated to the use of Dayton's bowling masses.

For many years among the country's leading tenpin centers, Dayton has at last been given full recognition of its place in the bowling sun and the owner of McCook Bowl, Ray O. Holton, Dayton banker, is to be complimented upon the civic spirit which motivated the erection of McCook Bowl, a lasting contribution to Dayton's health and enjoyment. Similarly, the bowlers of Dayton are to be congratulated upon receiving this, one of the outstanding tenpin centers in America.

McCook Bowl, located in Dayton at 1301 Keowee St., ranks second only to the Sunset Bowling Center of Hollywood, Calif., with respect to the number of successive lanes without obstruction—Sunset has 52; McCook has 44.

McCook Bowl is all that modern architecture and modern equipment can make it. Its low, spreading walls of gray terazzo stone, dotted with exceptional treatments of glass brick, the classic features of its entrance and the spaciousness of its tastefully decorated lobby compose an impressive introduction to the vast expanse of 44 lanes in a row, glittering, polished and inviting.

The thousands who were fortunate enough to gain entrance the night of the formal opening were treated to a great ceremony, with all the trimmings. Following the invocation delivered by Rev. Harvey Hahn and Fr. Mike Henson, Charles Stonebarger, toastmaster, gave the signal which precipitated a parade of 20 teams of outstanding bowlers to the alleys. With them also in attendance, Stonebarger then presented Holton, president of the McCook Bowl, who complimented his contractor and then introduced James H. Bennett, Cincinnati branch manager for the manufacturer.

Frank Crebbs, city commissioner for Dayton, who dedicated the alleys, made a short talk following which were introduced Elmer H. Baumgarten, Milwaukee, secretary of the American Bowling Congress; Mrs. Emma Phaler, Columbus, secretary of the Women's International Bowling Congress; Carl Copp, American Bowling Congress executive committeeman from Dayton and president of the Dayton Bowling Association; Walter Stockman, president of the Dayton Bowling Proprietors' Association; Harry Mack, past president of the Dayton Bowling Association, and Ella Reiser, president of the Dayton Women's Bowling Association.

Other dignitaries present included John O. Martino, Syracuse, N. Y., sixth vice-president of the American Bowling Congress, and Dr. Joel G. Bernhard, American Bowling Congress executive committeeman from Columbus. Following these talks, all of which were of a brief but congratulatory nature, the exhibition bowling began with Jack Slater, 87-year old Dayton veteran who has been bowling for 65 years, being given the distinction of rolling the first ball.

Among the outstanding teams which competed were the All-Americans, a squad composed of Ned Day, Milwaukee, national match game champion; Hank Marino, Milwaukee, former national match game champion; Nelson Burton, St. Louis; Joe Norris,

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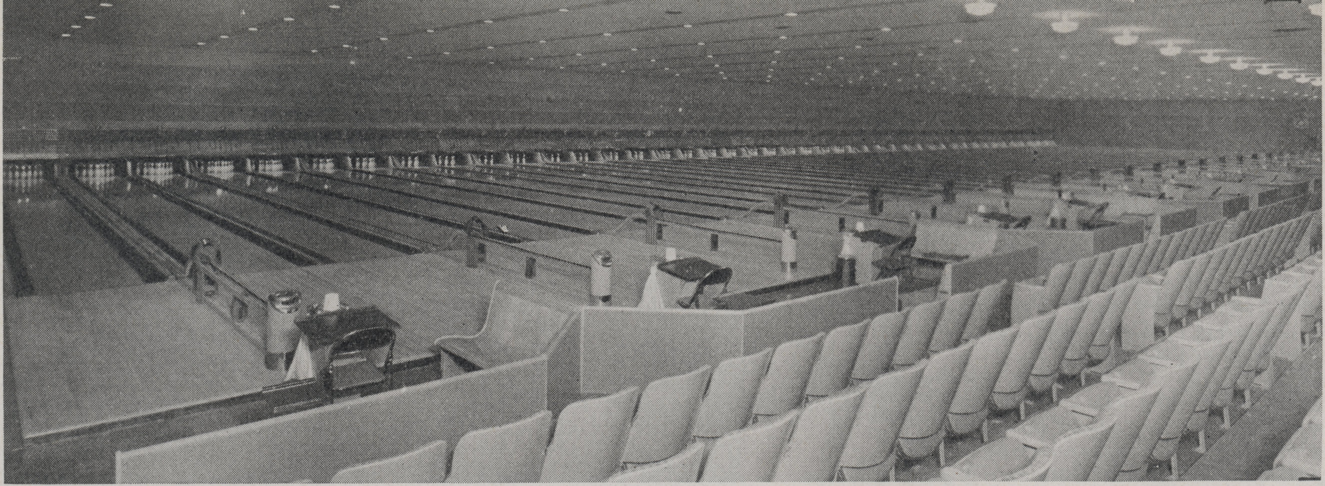
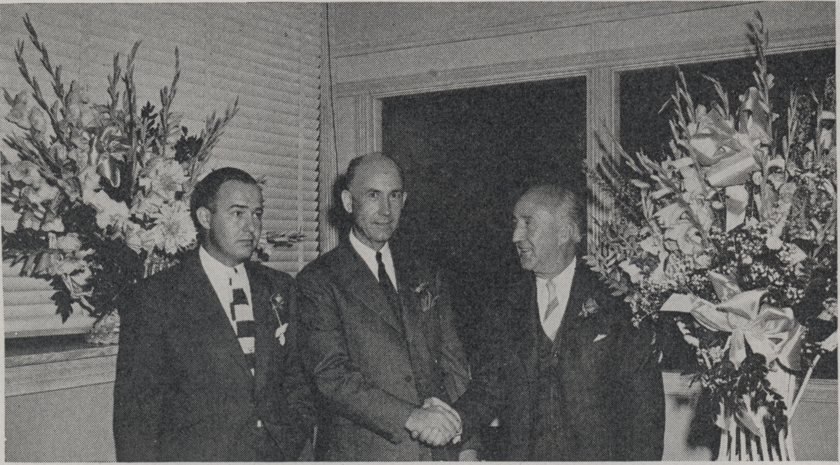
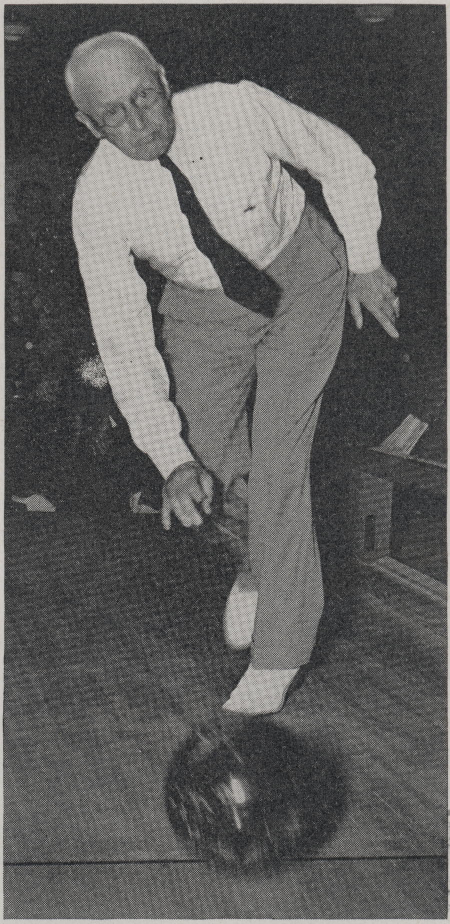


Forty-four lanes in a row! That's McCook Bowl at Dayton.

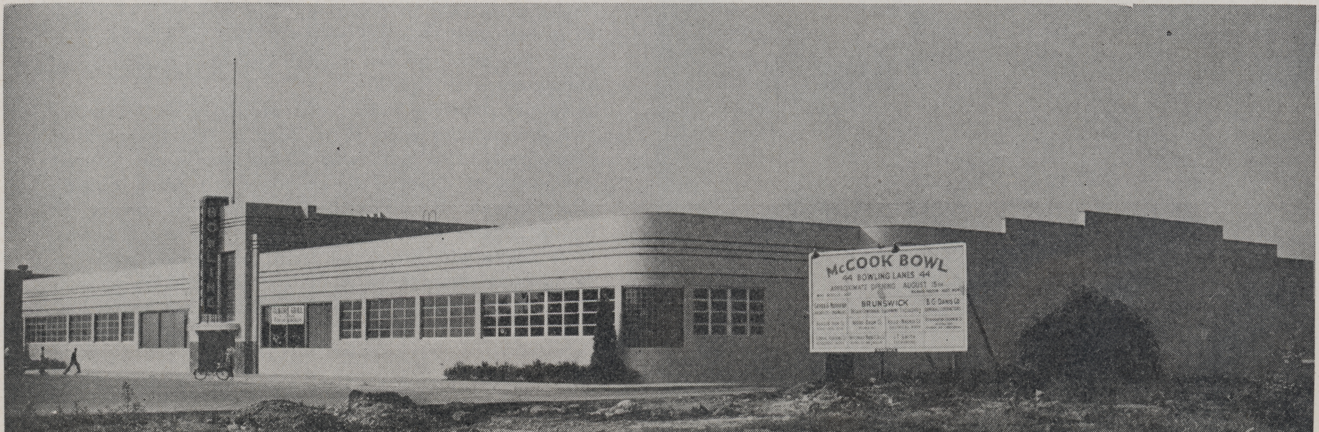


Left to right, R. L. Holton, assistant manager McCook Bowl; Ray O. Holton, owner; F. M. "Mike" Redelle, manager.

The "All-Americans," standing, are, left to right, Walter Ward, Cleveland; Nelson Burton, St. Louis; Joe Norris, Detroit; Ned Day, Milwaukee; Hank Marino, Milwaukee. The Hermann Undertakers are, left to right, Sam Garofalo, Bud Rice, Lowell Jackson, Cone Hermann, Chuck O'Donnell, Joe Pallardy.



Above, 87-year-old Jack Slater, Dayton's bowling veteran of 65 years, to whom went the honor of bowling the first ball in McCook Bowl, an exterior view of which is shown below.



San Francisco

WHEN the delegates to the annual A. B. C. convention meet in Columbus next spring, they will, among other items of business, select the city in which the Congress' 1944 tournament will be held. San Francisco, one of the west's most famous cities, will be contending for the right to play host to the tournament of that year.

In order that those who will have to do the selecting and balloting on this important subject may know more about San Francisco, its history, its commerce, its traditions, its culture, its scenic quaintness and its countless other attractions, we present herewith a few pictures and facts concerning one of the nation's major cities.

In the year 1776, the same in which the United States declared its independence from Great Britain, Padre Junipero Serra founded the Mission Dolores in the pueblo of Yerba Buena, which has since grown into the city of San Francisco. In 1848 San Francisco was a small village of but 14 houses and 60 people. Its existence had been buried in its similarity with countless other pinspots on the map of the west coast. San Francisco was, in fact, just another very small hamlet. Then came the gold rush!

With the cry of "Gold!" San Francisco grew to a booming city almost over night. You may read of the mad scramble to the west coast from all points of the North American continent; you may read of the dashing recklessness which characterized those days and those who lived in them; but you may still visit San Francisco and see for yourself the results of their visit; you may still see a great city built from a small foundation—and quickly.

To the average visitor, one of the most interesting and entertaining spots to be seen in San Francisco is Chinatown. This particular Chinatown is the largest settlement of Chinese to be found on earth outside China itself. San Francisco's Chinatown covers 12 square blocks and has a population of some 15,000. It is filled with treasures from the Orient, with the picturesque atmosphere of the far east and an undeniable flavor which piques the visitor and holds him

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HOTEL
LAFAYETTE

The upper photograph is an excellent view of Bay Bridge, one of the largest in the world. Below is a night picture of San Francisco's excellent harbor with the lights from the U. S. Navy's gunboats and battleships pointing brilliant fingers toward the sky. At the left we look down California St. from Nob Hill. The street cars are run up and down this hill by cable. The bridge may be seen at the foot of California St.

SCHOLASTIC BOWLING

SCHOOL
BOWLING

By MILTON RAYMER

Secretary, American High School Bowling Congress

I LEFT YOU at Los Angeles in the last issue, and by the way, a little typographical error was made in that issue. Our completed trip was 11,874 miles, six tires and one broken electrical plug. A. E. Colley, association secretary, and Dick Pittenger, president, arranged a fine meeting for me. I became acquainted with many of the bowling proprietors and enjoyed their hospitality while there.

Darrel Gaffers and his wife, Dorothea, took my wife and me out to see his mother's horse racing ranch where many beautiful horses nuzzled us from top to bottom and back again. Al Hanson, owner of a beautiful new establishment in San Diego, invited Ned Day and me out for a day of golf at the very beautiful Lakewood Country Club. We left Los Angeles with regret and journeyed onward by way of Yosemite to San Francisco where we were met by the irrepressible E. W. "Red" Irwin, third vice-president of the A.B.C., and his wife. I again had Irwin, Laurie Anderson and the other members of the association in a sweat, because they could not figure how I could come from Yosemite to San Francisco by noon the same day, but in I walked at five minutes after twelve. The meeting was a very fine one and the co-operation offered by the proprietors, sports writers and others was indeed grand. I enjoyed meeting a very fine and ambitious young man in the person of Lyn Mollath, publisher of "Hi School Life," a magazine devoted exclusively to the happenings of the high school students of the area. Bill Brown, editor of the "300" magazine, followed me to Sacramento to hear the story again and to offer his every assistance.

Correction

IN THE September 1 issue of Bowling the story entitled, "One of Nation's Oldest Leagues Rarin' to Go Again," dealt with the South Side Businessmen's League of Milwaukee. This should have read the Businessmen's League of Milwaukee. It is the Milwaukee Businessmen's League of which John Fischer is president and which this season is beginning its 41st year of operation. There is a South Side Businessmen's League in Milwaukee but isn't as old as the Businessmen's League.

If I were to tell about the places to which Mr. and Mrs. Irwin took us, the sights we saw while in this city, I would spend the rest of the article on it. My family will never forget his hospitality, and "Tid," Irwin's nickname for my small boy, Donald, still talks of his pal (Irwin).

Just today I received a letter from Leland Crichton, executive secretary of the Berkeley Young Men's Christian Association, informing me that he is going to handle the high school leagues in Burt Cantrell's Berkeley Bowl establishment. I am certainly glad to have a man connected with that organization working with us in bowling.

At Sacramento, Frank Jackson, had a nice little meeting in the bowling establishment of R. F. Amaeker, the Capitol Bowl. In the evening, we visited the brand new establishment of Ed Hubert in North Sacramento. Both proprietors signified their intention of doing everything possible to start high school bowling in their towns.

At Portland, Fred Aust, Ralph Soper and Henry Pietzker arranged a splendid meeting. R. E. Dingdale, superintendent of schools, gave a splendid talk on the need for intramural athletics and assured the audience that the program of the AHSBC would be introduced into every high school. Mr. MacKenzie, one of the school directors, and J. W. Edwards, assistant superintendent of schools, also gave verbal recommendation to the program.

Bill Herdman, A.B.C. executive committeeman from Tacoma, put me in touch with the officials of the board of education. Bill, a well known horticulturist in that city, gave my wife one of the most beautiful bouquets of flowers which she has ever received. At Seattle, "Londy" Londelius, the city secretary, was just recovering from an illness and was unable to do any work. I am happy to report that he was recovered and on his feet the day I left.

My Spokane stop was a very nice visit with Les Francis, A.B.C. executive committeeman, and his wife. He took all the information on the program of the AHSBC and has by this time presented it to the school authorities and proprietors of his city. (Les, we took the mountain road with our trailer and it was beautiful.)

At Boise, Lee Russell, sports editor of the Idaho Statesman, had turned the secretaryship of the association over to Bob Babbs, sports editor of the Capitol News. They are both fine fellows and doing a lot to boost bowling in Boise. A meeting in Superintendent Zed L. Foy's office was held, George H. Fields of the high school being present along with the bowling proprietors and others. Both school men were interested in the program and arranged for Bob Babbs to talk to a school assembly on the program soon after school started.

At Salt Lake, I was turned over to Doug Muir, manager of the McCoulaugh chain of alleys, by Frank Baker, city association secretary. Frank was promoted to city editor for his newspaper and is really a busy fellow. A splendid meeting was held and the school men present laid plans to organize and carry on leagues this coming winter in co-operation with the bowling proprietors. Irene Press and Roilla Schauer of the Salt Lake Women's Bowling Assn. were present and offered their full co-operation.

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Telling the World

A column of gossip

Harry Lunsford of San Antonio, a bowler in one of San Antone's 48 summer leagues, converted a wide open split in the tenth frame recently, only to foul on the extra ball. Mary Lang of the same city turned in the 5-7-10, reports say, but it will take Ripley to prove it.

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The official membership figures of the Women's International Bowling Congress have been announced for the 1940-1941 season and show there were 127,705 individuals bowling in 3848 sanctioned leagues. This growth represents an increase of more than 64 percent over the year previous.

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The new Bowl-Inn, to be built in Burlington, Ia., at a cost of $140,000, will house 16 drives. According to the Daily Hawkeye (Burlington) it will be the latest thing in Bowling alleys. It is being built so that it may be increased to a 20-lane establishment later.

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The Olsen Publishing Co. of Milwaukee was the first league to apply for sanction for the new season, according to Clarence Jonen, secretary of the Milwaukee B.A. The league has eight teams.

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Every sanctioned league in Auburn, Ind., which has a kitty or any prize fund, is buying defense stamps and will pay off at the end of the season in these stamps.

This is a very patriotic move which might well be followed in any community. Nice going, boys!

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Chicago has added 508 alley beds to its enormous total since last season. Bensinger's Adams-Wabash and the Cascade have each been increased to 64-lane establishments. Outstanding among the new places will be Ray Schalk's Evergreen Recreation at 95th and Rockwell; Ted Lyons' layout at 79th and Jeffrey and the Jackson-Dearborn Recreation.

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The first new city association to be chartered for the 1941-1942 season is the San Gabriel Valley Bowling Association (Calif.) whose charter leagues are the eight-team Classic and the six-team Independent. Larry Magie is president of the new association, Elmer F. Deal is secretary and George McGill is treasurer.

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John A. G. Grant, Lakewood, N. J., has been re-elected president of the Ocean County Bowling Association. Others named to the association's official list include John K. Gladney, Toms River, Harold Ober, Lakewood, and Hasty Errickson, Point Pleasant, first, second and third vice-presidents respectively; Charles Schiel, Toms River, treasurer, and George Walsh, secretary. Ocean County will have 30 new lanes this season.

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Ruth Bond, star of the stage production of "DuBarry Was a Lady," is quite a bowler. Recently she went on the air with Sam Weinstein, Tenpin Tattler, Chicago, to tell the world what she thinks of the game. Obviously—very obviously—she likes it a lot.

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Last season the American Bowling Congress awarded 52 bronze medals and 51 bronze belt buckles for 298 games in sanctioned competition; 81 silver rings, 35 silver medals and 21 silver belt buckles for 299 games; and 158 gold rings, 54 gold medals and 19 gold belt buckles for perfect games.

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What's your pet superstition? A bowling operator in Buffalo had a 12-lane house with just enough room for one more alley. He wanted to make valuable use of the space so had the alley built in. Then he renumbered alley No. 3 to 2½ and continued on up through 12!

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It was tough luck for Fred C. Hill, bowling proprietor of Decatur, Ill. On August 22 his bowling establishment, housing 12 lanes, caught fire and was badly damaged. What damage the fire did not accomplish the water did, since there was two feet of water standing over the alleys when the fire was finally extinguished.

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Joe Straus of San Antonio really likes his bowling. He had to make a business trip to Dayton, O., and had to stay longer than he expected. He flew home to meet his league night schedule.

Regular Sanctioned Tournaments 1941-1942

The following tournaments have applied for and are granted American Bowling Congress sanctions. The list is published for the information of prospective entrants. Members of sanctioned leagues are warned not to compete in unsanctioned leagues or tournaments. List hereunder is arranged alphabetically by states.

Name of Tournament **Entries Close**

Lodi, Calif.—Lodi Grape & Wine Ten Pin Classic ....Sept. 15, 1941
Kenneth Prentice, Sec'y., 24 South Pleasant Ave., Lodi, Calif.

Chicago, Ill.—Chicago Post Office Invitational Handicap...................Mar. 18, 1942
Vincent Masten, Secy., 7241 Bennett Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Louisville, Ky.—Union Printing Crafts' Tri-State ....Jan. 15, 1942
Edw. A. Sauer, Secy., 231 Foote Ave., Bellevue, Ky.

New Orleans, La.—Southern 9th Annual Handicap ....Feb. 4, 1942
Thomas A. Ray, Mgr., 4900 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.

Battle Creek, Mich.—Postal Employees National ....Mar. 11, 1942
Henry J. Mueller, Sec'y., 109 N. 17th St., Terre Haute, Ind.

Fargo, N. Dak.—City ....Nov. 13, 1941
H. J. Vanderplatt, Secy., 1201 15th St., So., Fargo, N. Dak.

Philadelphia B. A. President Started Something With His WPEN Bowling Broadcasts

A part of WPEN's bowling family posed for a picture and here is the result. Left to right are Richard Shipp, radio engineer; Gertrude Borden, hostess; Joseph Dillon, announcer for WPEN; William M. Briner, Sr., president of the Philadelphia Bowling Association and conductor of WPEN's popular "Bowling Highlights" program; Joseph Hastings, newspaper editor; Arthur Walsh, announcer and publicity agent for WPEN.

THE PEOPLE who listen to WPEN, Pennsylvania's most powerful independent broadcasting station, will get a full measure of bowling during the coming season. This station, which speaks to an approximate 6,000,000 people, last season gave air time to William M. Briner, Sr., president of the Philadelphia Bowling Association, whose popular stint, "Bowling Highlights," made a spontaneous hit with the big tenpin population throughout the eastern part of the Keystone state and those outside Pennsylvania's boundaries, too.

It was through the courtesy of Arthur Simon, general manager of WPEN, that Briner began his radio tenpin campaign. So heavy was his mail that those who work in the station itself decided that Briner must be saying something important to draw such a response. He was.

So the announcers of WPEN tried their hand at bowling. They went to Bergman and Trucks Lucky Strike alleys where they found the game everything Briner had claimed for it over the air.

It was not long until show people, entertainers and others in public life made the Lucky Strike a "must" spot on their list of interesting places. The actors began getting bowling, bit by bit, into their scripts and many an audience has benefitted therefrom. Very few of them ever rolled a bowling ball before this "new and intriguing" game came to them. One of the scores turned in was a 22, but no interest was lost and that bowler was right back at the next session.

Last year a special match was staged between five radio sports announcers and five Philadelphia sports writers at which a lot of fun was had, but scores remained a deep, dark secret.

All this has sprung from Bill Briner's "Bowling Highlights" and there is even talk around WPEN of forming a bowling league. Among the features of Bill's program is a weekly interview with a prominent bowler. Now and then, he'll have a guest who isn't so prominent, which brings to light many fine-average bowlers who were going practically unnoticed.

Bill's current season broadcast has not as yet begun, but Philadelphia bowlers are anxiously looking forward to hearing WPEN's bowling broadcast. Also they'd like to know just how well those announcers can bowl.

Visitor: "And this, I suppose, is one of those hideous caricatures you call modern art."

Artist: "No, that's a mirror."

—*Successful Farmer*

Policeman: "How did this accident happen?"

Motorist: "My wife fell asleep in the back seat."

—*Pittsfield Work News*

Scholastic Bowling

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After a swim in Salt Lake, a salty experience to say the least, we traveled over three passes, Berthoud being the highest, to Denver, where John J. Ryan, A. B. C. executive committeeman, took charge. A wonderful noon day luncheon was held to which proprietors from many miles around came. Willard N. Greim, head of physical education in the Denver schools, was present and offered to work with a committee to carry on the program of the AHSBC.

Omaha was our last stop, and a very fine one. Messrs. Luenenberg and Nelson arranged a meeting. Mabel Snygg, 4th vice-president of the W. I. B. C., was present and expressed her pleasure at the thoroughness of our program. The next day Luenenberg and I called on E. J. Smith, assistant superintendent in charge of high schools, and had a very pleasant talk with him. He agreed to call a principals' meeting later on and explain the program to them so that they could further it in their individual high schools.

We turned our noses homeward, stopping only long enough in Des Moines to call on Glenn Miller and see how things were coming there. Since returning, we have received dozens of requests from all over the country for information about our program. These are being answered as rapidly as possible.

To those people who wrote me in July and August, please do not be impatient if you have received no reply, since, as you may now know, I was very much out of town.

In the next issue, I shall report on some of the results which are already coming in and we shall see who sends in the first sanction application in the country, they to receive the number one certificate of the American High School Bowling Congress.

100-Team League for New Orleans

Big news from New Orleans tells the story of a contemplated league of 100 teams, now in the process of formation.

The league is the Commercial Athletic Association and with but a few more teams needed to reach the goal of 100, New Orleans may soon have one of the largest tenpin loops in the United States.

Fifty new bowling alleys are being built in New Orleans for the coming season and with a 100 percent increase in teams anticipated, all will be crowded to capacity.

McCook Bowl

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Detroit, and Walter Ward, Cleveland. They bowled against the Hermann Undertakers of St. Louis, national match team champions. The All-Americans toppled 2965 pins compared with 2711 for the Hermanns, who were bowling without the services of their star, Lowell Jackson, who was present but unable to participate because of a recently-injured back. Of the individual scores of these two teams, Ward's 619 was high.

Bowes Seal Fast of Indianapolis opposed the Dayton Coca-Cola's; Delcos of Dayton were matched with the Beulah Park Jockey Club of Columbus; the Dayton Red Wings bowled against the Kay Jewelers of Columbus, the Cincinnati Mineralites, including in their lineup Frank Benkovic and Larry Shotwell, both former ABC champions, competed against the Frigidaires of Dayton and Stroh's Bohemians of Detroit met the Dayton Pepsi-Cola's.

The ladies also played a prominent part in exhibition bowling when McCook Bowl squared off with Santo Sheet and Metal. Snook Vieth, including in its lineup Dora McMillen and Catherine Burling, two of Cincinnati's finest women bowlers, met the Dayton Pepsi-Colas ladies' team.

In these matches the teams changed their positions after each game in order that all the crowd might see all the matches.

McCook Bowl will operate under the management of F. M. "Mike" Redelle, whose assistant will be Dick L. Holton. Included on the McCook staff will be Kay Traxler and William H. Lanferseick.

Spectator accommodations include seats for 660, which means that nearly 3500 people stood through the opening ceremonies, so intense was their interest. The adjacent parking lot will accommodate 650 cars. Police who handled the opening night crowd estimated that over a thousand cars were turned away and that it was impossible to gauge the number of people who wished to view the ceremonies but who were unable to gain entrance. McCook Bowl is completely air conditioned for summer and winter bowling, and latest equipment and modern design feature throughout.

Already 62 leagues composed of more than 700 teams have made arrangements to do their tenpinning at McCook Bowl. According to Redelle, this number is increasing each day.

Thomas Hammond

Thomas Hammond, veteran bowling alley man of St. Paul, died Tuesday, September 2, while in his 54th year. He is survived by his son, George, manager of Muggley's Recreation in St. Paul. Hammond is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna Hammond, three sons, in addition to George, one daughter, one brother and one sister.

Dunlap's Personal Trophy Pins Click with Gopher Bowlers

NEW IDEAS are still paying off. Take the case of Zac Dunlap, proprietor of the Dunlap Bowling Lanes up in Rochester, Minn., for instance.

Like every other tenpin establishment, the Dunlap Bowling Lanes accumulated quite a few old, worn tenpins which were left lying in the establishment basement without great thought as to their possibilities. Now and then Zac gave some of them away to be turned for lamps and other simple items of household furniture.

One day a couple high school boys came in to request a few pins for their manual training class and after obliging the lads, Zac stood looking at the big collection of wood. He mused for a while before an idea struck him. He put it into effect and is glad indeed that he did.

Zac Dunlap

He had all the pins reconditioned by removing the paint, after which they were given a treatment of life restoring preparation. When the work was completed, he asked some of the women who bowl regularly in his establishment if they would care to have the pins autographed with their own highest score bowled on the Dunlap alleys and publicly exhibited. The girls thought the idea was great.

It wasn't long before the girls were really out there pitchin' to get some worthwhile score to have posted. Men, too, took a great interest in the new idea and boys and young girls, also found the old attraction of "name in print" irresistible.

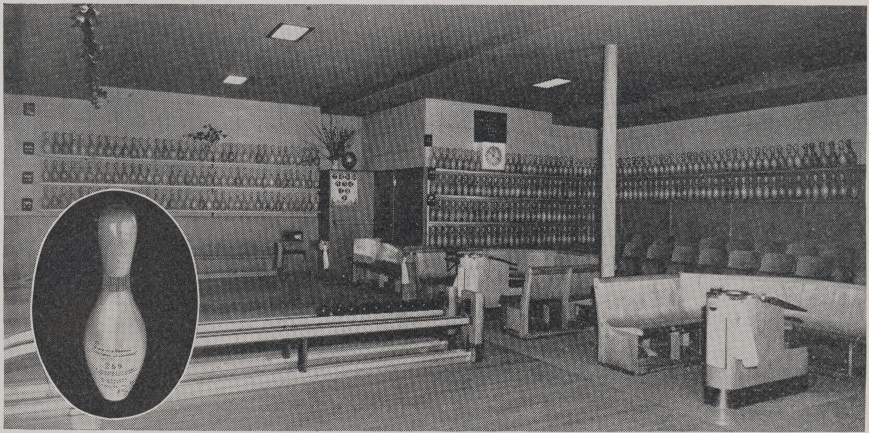
A pin is placed in one of the cases along the walls for any person who rolls a minimum score of 125. As they better this score, the record on that person's pin is altered to conform to his new accomplishments. There are several cases of pins. The beginner or "kindergarten" case holds those pins which represent scores of from 125 to 150. The cases are graduated for scores of 160, 180, 200 and 220. A perfect game brings a prize of $20, paid by Dunlap.

According to the official requirements and specifications of the American Bowling Congress, a regulation tenpin must be 15 inches high and its base 2¼ inches in diameter. Its widest or thickest point must be 4½ inches above its base where the diameter of the tenpin must be 4 49/64 inches. The narrowest or thinnest portion of the tenpin must be located 10 inches above its base where its diameter must be 1 43/64 inches.

Along the walls are placards reading "Get your bowling pin trophy—it's free. Record changed each time you improve your score" and "Improve your game—we will be pleased to help you."

Stars are placed on the necks of the respective pins indicating the number of improvements that person has made. The first and second boosts of score bring silver stars while the third places a gold star on the pin. At the end of the season, the pin becomes the property of the person whose name it bears.

The personal trophy pin idea has effected great improvement in the games of hundreds of his customers, according to Dunlap, and he generously offers his suggestion to other proprietors. India ink is used to mark the scores on the pins. A cloth dipped in cold water removes the writing easily. Before lettering on a pin, however, the pin should be rubbed briskly with a Turkish towel.



Oregon's Hood River Finds Bowling Bug Bites Hard

This is the Hood River team which won the Peninsula tournament at Portland. Left to right, standing, are Jule Graff, Harold Wells and Don Dean, operator of the Hood River alleys. Front, left to right, Kenneth Krumenacher and Dal Burnett.

▼ A. E. HOWARD

Secretary Hood River Bowling Association

IN READING BOWLING, we have noticed items concerning bowling and league activities throughout the country. We thought perhaps you might be interested in a few facts and statistics on our Hood River (Ore.) Bowling Association.

We in Hood River are very proud of and interested in the progress of our favorite national indoor sport here in the Apple City. We talk, eat and sleep bowling. In years previous we have always had a City League of at least six teams in operation. Last season we had three leagues of eight teams each, all A.B.C. sanctioned. These leagues, in addition to an eight-team women's league, bowl a split season of 28 weeks.

The keen interest shown last season was to a large extent because of the installation of four new alleys by D. E. Dean which are under the management of Elwin House.

Among the features which House inaugurated here is an alternate Sunday mixed doubles tournament on a handicap basis. These tournaments are extremely popular and are not only creating interest among the confirmed bowlers but have a tendency, we find, to create new bowlers. Also, we have had a number of home and home matches with teams from neighboring cities, both men and women.

While we haven't any real high average bowlers, we feel that for a town of 3200 population we show a fairly good brand of bowling. In fact, in our City League of eight five-man teams there are 27 bowlers with an average between 165 and 189. Incidentally, we have two men in this group, one of whom has no thumb on his bowling hand and the other who is minus the fingers of his bowling hand to the middle joint.

Last season when the Peninsula Alleys in Portland conducted a five-man handicap tournament, three teams from Hood River entered, one of them winning top money. Considering that there were 85 teams competing, we feel rather proud of our showing in this event.

We don't want to spoil our story with a commercial, but we do have beautiful country up here and if any of you bowlers get into our territory, we'll be mighty pleased to have you drop in on us and say hello—and to bowl a few games with us.

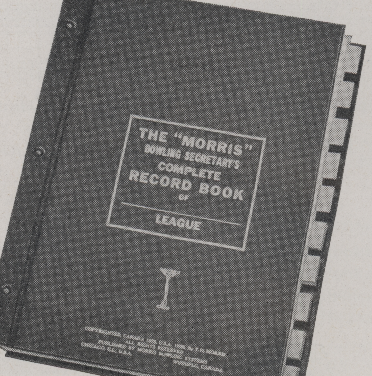
Leagues Form as Zion Lifts Bowling Ban

Zion, Ill. has lifted its ban against bowling alleys and this year, for the first time in history, Zion will have a bowling establishment of its own.

In writing to obtain a city association charter from the American Bowling Congress, Howard Marshall of the Zion Lace Curtain Bowling League, informs: "For five years bowling enthusiasm in Zion has been surging until finally the blue laws of our fair town have been changed and bowling has been permitted. We are building an eight-alley commercial center of a most modern design and anticipate many enjoyable future seasons.

"We realize," continues Marshall's letter, "the importance of a good organization to govern our bowling and therefore are writing to you for a charter for a city bowling association."

There are four leagues of eight teams each organized in Zion, Zion Lace Curtain League, Zion Commercial League, Winthrop Harbor Men's League and Lake County League.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The Old Professor

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A BOWLING alley resurfacing concern was called in to resurface an establishment's lanes, in accordance with A.B.C. requirements. After the work had been completed the city association secretary made his customary inspection and found the alleys were not sufficiently level to pass his test. Whereupon the resurfacing concern returned to correct the situation and upon making a check discovered that the level which their men had used did not show the same discrepancies as did the level of the association secretary.

A letter was then sent to the American Bowling Congress, stating that the two levels of the same make told different stories regarding the level condition of the alleys. They felt they had a justified complaint about one level or the other—they didn't know which—perhaps both.

So the American Bowling Congress sent a man from the A.B.C. office to the home of the Empire Level Mfg. Co., in Milwaukee to get details and to determine just what would cause a level to "go haywire." Our representative talked with Harry Zieman, president of the Empire company, whose explanation was both simple and satisfactory.

TUBE IS CURVED

"You may know," said Zieman, "that we now use alcohol, rather than glycerine, in the bubble tubes of levels. Glycerine is just as accurate, but it takes glycerine longer to come to a rest than it does alcohol. In the interest of time, we are now using alcohol.

"Now let me direct your attention to the little tube which contains this alcohol and the ever-faithful bubble. Depending upon which of our levels you have, you will notice a slight curvature in the tube. This tiny portion of glass tubing is cut from a complete circle of glass tubing. It is a very small segment of a total and perfect circle.

"Up until two years ago, the Empire Level Co., cut this little section of tubing from a circle whose diameter was 12 inches. The levels which contain tubing from these circles were originally manufactured by us for the use of carpenters who did not demand as delicate an instrument as do bowling secretaries who inspect and measure bowling alleys for the American Bowling Congress.

NEED ACCURATE LEVEL

"When we realized that these secretaries required something more accurate—a level which would accurately determine levelness to the 40/1000 of an inch, we made a change in our level. Instead of cutting our little portion of tubing from a circle whose diameter was one foot, we increased the size of the circle from which it was cut until the diameter measured five feet.

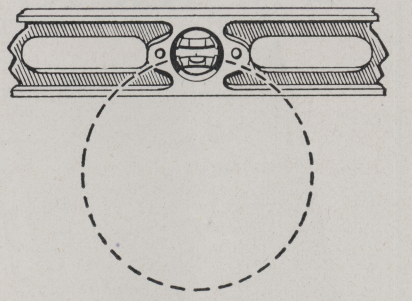
"Now you take a couple inches from a circle whose diameter is five feet and the arc or curvature will be almost imperceptible. When placed in a level, it has the appearance of being perfectly straight. I am sure you can readily understand that a bubble will require much less movement to send it along an almost straight surface than one which is curved and requires the bubble to battle against the curvature of the tubing.

AN IMPROVEMENT

"For the last two years we have been manufacturing this latter type of level specifically for the bowling secretaries. It is almost deadly in its accuracy and is, of course, an improvement over the former level with its more curved tubing.

"Consequently, when these two levels are tested against each other, it takes less to move the bubble in the level with the straighter tubing than it does the level whose tubing is more curved. The same thickness may be placed under the two simultaneously and the bubble in the former will move farther than that in the second.

"So you see, there is nothing wrong with either of them. It just isn't fair to the old type level to compare it with the newer, more sensitive level. It's like comparing an alarm clock with a stop watch—they're made for different purposes and each is better for the job for which it was made."



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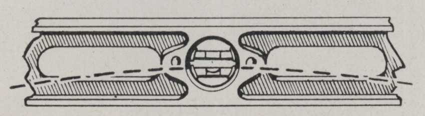

FIVE FEET

Whereupon our A.B.C. representative asked Mr. Zieman what he would suggest. He had the answer all wrapped up ready for delivery. Said he:

GET WIDE A.B.C. LEVEL

"It seems that some of your secretaries, who are not aware that we are making a special level for them, have just walked into a hardware store and have asked for a 42-inch level and the dealer, supposing they wanted an ordinary level, sold them carpenter's levels. They should always ask for an *Empire bowling alley level with the wide-arc bubble tube.* If their dealer cannot supply it, all they have to do is write us, the Empire Level Mfg. Co., 717 S. 6th St., Milwaukee, Wis., and we'll see that they get what they want."

Zieman was then asked what could be done for those who had already purchased the old levels. He advised that if those secretaries who own the old type of levels would send them to the Empire Level Co., at the above Milwaukee address, the change to the newer and more accurate bubble tubes would be made at a cost of $1.00 plus postage both ways. This is providing, of course, that the level is an Empire Level and is in good condition.

"What would make a level get 'out of order,' or is that possible?" inquired our A.B.C. man.

LAW OF PHYSICS

"It is practically impossible for a level to get 'out of order,'" replied Zieman. Unless a level is banged around and chipped at the edges so that it will not rest firmly on a perfect plane, it should always be perfect. You see, the condition of levelness is a law of physics and, like the law of gravity, cannot go wrong. The bubble will **ALWAYS** give you the correct answer, providing the level is properly handled and treated with care at all times."

"This much must be remembered, however," added Zieman in a final word of caution. "While the newer level will show to a greater and more accurate degree the extent to which any surface is unlevel, the regular level will correctly advise you when the surface is perfectly level. It will also show a deviation from level to a lesser degree. In other words, for one degree of pitch the bubble in the old level will travel only 1/5 the distance traveled by the bubble in the new level because the ratio of travel is directly proportional to the ratio of curvature of the level tube."

We hope this takes care of the level situation to your satisfaction.

"I'll bet you were mad when you ran over that skunk."

"Yes, indeed, I was highly incensed."

—Look Around

SCENE OF 1942 A.B.C. TOURNEY AT COLUMBUS

Here it is—the Coliseum at Columbus. In this huge structure in which are played the at home basketball games of Ohio State University, the 1942 A.B.C. tournament will open Tuesday, March 3. The A.B.C. Reservation Department advises that one of the most recent entries, 32 teams from the International Nickel Co. of Huntington, W. Va., is indicative of the unusual interest in the tournament. Thirty-six lanes will be laid in the Coliseum for the tourney. The Coliseum, which is located in the Ohio State Fairgrounds, about two miles from downtown Columbus, has a capacity of 10,000 for basketball games, about half of which are permanent seats. Although the 1942 A.B.C. tournament is now scheduled to run 55 days, it will probably be extended.

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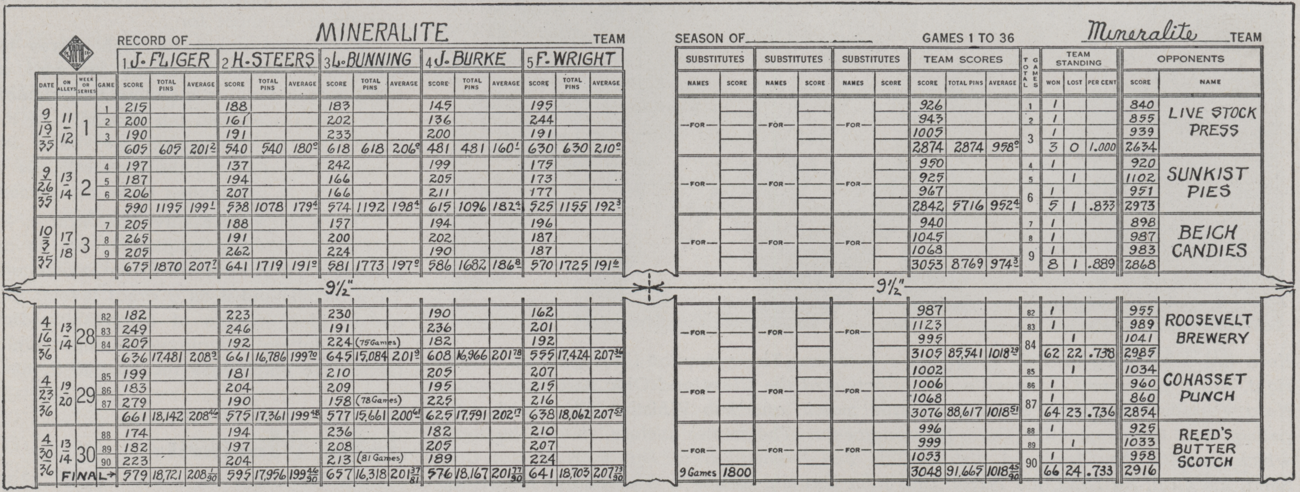

RECORD OF MINERALITE TEAM

				1 J. FLIGER			2 H. STEERS			3 L. BUNNING			4 J. BURKE			5 F. WRIGHT		
DATE	ON ALLEYS	WEEK OR SERIES	GAME	SCORE	TOTAL PINS	AVERAGE	SCORE	TOTAL PINS	AVERAGE	SCORE	TOTAL PINS	AVERAGE	SCORE	TOTAL PINS	AVERAGE	SCORE	TOTAL PINS	AVERAGE
9/19/35	11-12	1	1	215			188			183			145			195		
			2	200			161			202			136			244		
			3	190			191			233			200			191		
				605	605	201^{2}	540	540	180^{0}	618	618	206^{0}	481	481	160^{1}	630	630	210^{0}
9/26/35	13-14	2	4	197			137			242			199			175		
			5	187			194			166			205			173		
			6	206			207			166			211			177		
				590	1195	199^{1}	538	1078	179^{4}	574	1192	198^{4}	615	1096	182^{4}	525	1155	192^{3}
10/3/35	17-18	3	7	205			188			157			194			196		
			8	265			191			200			202			187		
			9	205			262			224			190			187		
				675	1870	207^{7}	641	1719	191^{0}	581	1773	197^{0}	586	1682	186^{8}	570	1725	191^{6}

9½"

4/16/36	13-14	28	82	182			223			230			190			162		
			83	249			246			191			236			201		
			84	205			192			224	(75 Games)		182			192		
				636	17,481	208^{9}	661	16,786	199^{70}	645	15,084	201^{9}	608	16,966	201^{78}	555	17,424	207^{36}
4/23/36	19-20	29	85	199			181			210			205			207		
			86	183			204			209			195			215		
			87	279			190			158	(78 Games)		225			216		
				661	18,142	208^{46}	575	17,361	199^{48}	577	15,661	200^{61}	625	17,591	202^{17}	638	18,062	207^{53}
4/30/36	13-14	30	88	174			194			236			182			210		
			89	182			197			208			205			207		
			90	223			204			213	(81 Games)		189			224		
	FINAL→			579	18,721	$208\frac{1}{90}$	595	17,956	$199\frac{46}{90}$	657	16,318	$201\frac{37}{81}$	576	18,167	$201\frac{77}{90}$	641	18,703	$207\frac{73}{90}$

SEASON OF ______ GAMES 1 TO 36 Mineralite TEAM

SUBSTITUTES		SUBSTITUTES		SUBSTITUTES		TEAM SCORES			TOTAL GAMES	TEAM STANDING			OPPONENTS	
NAMES	SCORE	NAMES	SCORE	NAMES	SCORE	SCORE	TOTAL PINS	AVERAGE		WON	LOST	PER CENT	SCORE	NAME
						926			1	1			840	LIVE STOCK PRESS
—FOR—		—FOR—		—FOR—		943			2	1			855	
						1005			3	1			939	
						2874	2874	958^{0}		3	0	1.000	2634	
						950			4	1			920	SUNKIST PIES
—FOR—		—FOR—		—FOR—		925			5		1		1102	
						967			6	1			951	
						2842	5716	952^{4}		5	1	.833	2973	
						940			7	1			898	BEICH CANDIES
—FOR—		—FOR—		—FOR—		1045			8	1			987	
						1068			9	1			983	
						3053	8.769	974^{3}		8	1	.889	2868	

9½"

						987			82	1			955	ROOSEVELT BREWERY
—FOR—		—FOR—		—FOR—		1123			83	1			989	
						995			84		1		1041	
						3105	85,541	1018^{29}		62	22	.738	2985	
						1002			85		1		1034	COHASSET PUNCH
—FOR—		—FOR—		—FOR—		1006			86	1			960	
						1068			87	1			860	
						3076	88,617	1018^{51}		64	23	.736	2854	
						996			88	1			925	REED'S BUTTER SCOTCH
						999			89		1		1033	
—FOR—		—FOR—		—FOR—		1053			90	1			958	
9 Games	1800					3048	91,665	$1018\frac{45}{90}$		66	24	.733	2916	

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Barney Company Helps Employees' Bowling League

WE are always glad to bring to light the advantages of bowling sponsorship on the part of industrial and business houses. A letter from Ray L. Lamed, secretary of the Barney League of Schenectady, N. Y., brings home forcefully the good will and respect which employers gain by helping their employees to bowl.

"I am secretary of the Barney League," writes Lamed, "composed of employees of 'Schenectady's Greatest Store,' the H. S. Barney Co.

"We bowl Friday nights at 7:30 p. m. at Reuters Bowling Academy in Schenectady, using the entire second floor. Last year was our first as a sanctioned league and we are trying hard to make it a great success. Our league is now in its fifth year, and, I am happy to report, stronger and bigger than ever.

"The league was originally formed by Barney employees who like to bowl. For the first two years we struggled along as best we could. Two years ago, however, our employers stepped into the picture and immediately assured the league of success. The Barney Company pays one-third of our bowling cost, supplies the bowlers with monogramed shirts and bowling shoes, procured through our store. The company has also contributed liberally to our prize fund, giving the boys something to shoot for.

"We award prizes for high scores for team and individual efforts as well as blind prizes for our high-low tournaments with which we close our season. At the conclusion of the season we have our banquet to which all the high officials of our company are invited to be our guests.

"The Barney Company has won a lot of respect from its employees by its cooperation with our bowling movement. They recommend it as a great leveler and as an ideal means of establishing firm and beneficial employee-employer relations. We employees recommend it, too."

John Moriarity

John Moriarity, St. Paul, for 25 years an employee of the United States Post Office Department, passed away at his St. Paul home leaving as his survivors his widow, a son and a daughter. Moriarity was a member of the Carriers' Pleasure Bowling League.

Here are some of Ohio Bell Telephone's bowlers. The group at the top, from left to right, are I. E. Siewert, Zanesville, O., in action at the Cleveland Ohio Bell tournament; Nora Vaughn, Cleveland, during a league match, and Bob Whistler, Cleveland, competing in a tournament for Ohio Bell engineers. The center picture shows the team which tied for the Cleveland district Ohio Bell five-man title. Left to right are Carl Selig, Joe Grill, Ed Lang, Joe Pavell and John Laurich. Below is a portion of the crowd which attended the 1940 annual tournament among Ohio Bell, Western Electric and American Telephone and Telegraph employees at the Riverview Recreation in Columbus.

Ohio Bell Telephone

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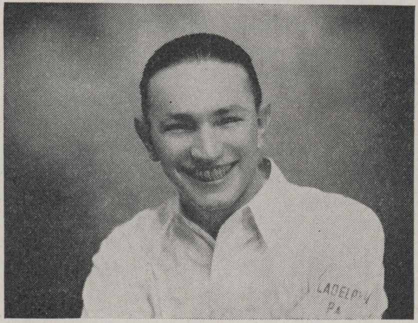
won the all-events with 1522, the singles with 530 and the single game award with 222. That wasn't enough so she teamed with Dolores Rosebrock to capture the doubles with 984, of which Tommy gave 548. The meet wasn't a total success for Tommy, however, because it was a Columbus team composed of Mae Weaver, Bess Bolender, Louise McGill, Ouida Perrill and Irene Schaad who won the team event with a total pinnage of 2872.

One nice thing about our annual tournament is that not only the bowlers are present during the participation. Friends, relatives, whole families, in fact, are on hand to lend their moral and vocal support. They pack the galleries and keep the rafters ringing with their shouts and cheers of encouragement.

So you see the Ohio Bell Telephone Company is a bowling outfit. Many Ohio Bell bowlers have won many prizes in A.B.C. tournaments as well as in state and city events.

It's practically an impossibility to pick up a telephone receiver in Ohio without putting a bowler to work somewhere along the line.

AVIATOR



Al Novak of Philadelphia, above, one of the nation's better bowlers, is an aviator. Uncle Sam claimed priority on his services. Al has shot eight consecutive A.B.C. tournament all-events scores of 1800 or better and for the last five years owns an A.B.C. tournament average of 206. If you're inclined to drop him a line, here's his address: Pvt. Al Novak, 55th Pursuit Group, Charlotte Air Base, Charlotte, N. C.

John Koster

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the Brunswick All Stars of New York came out a winner with a series total of 2,904. Koster's contribution this time was 573. Other members of that team were Glenn Riddle, H. Horton, Mort Lindsay and Alex "Chief" Dunbar. The "chief" was top scorer with 619.

Koster's fourth A.B.C. championship came in the two-man event at Toledo in 1913. Teamed up with Pete Schultz they compiled a total of 1,291 to grab the crown. Schultz hit off a hefty 709 series while Koster helped along with a not too bad 582.

No New York team has won an A.B.C. title since Koster's Brunswick All Stars and only one New York bowler has taken honors since Koster and Schultz turned the trick in 1913. This exception was Barney Spinella, all-events king in 1922.

But long John Koster's bowling exploits have not been confined to A.B.C. championships exclusively. He was a member of the Nyack Roofing Company team that won the New York state championship at Syracuse in 1928. That team was made up of Barney Spinella, Andy Hiltenbrand, Al Turk, Harry Servas and Koster.

Koster has a medal cabinet in the dining room of his home in West Nyack, N. Y., which would be the envy of any bowler today. It comprises some 35 of the more important medals he has won and includes, besides the four A.B.C. championship medals, the Richard K. Fox New York Police Gazette gold medal, Greater New York individual championship medal and the Metropolitan All-Events award in which he averaged 202.7 for the nine games.

He has bowled 14 perfect games, the last of which came in the Greater New York individual championship in 1929. His most recent exploit was a 751 three-game series in the Pearl River (N.Y.) Major League in 1937.

Long John was kept off the alleys for the greater part of the 1940-41 season due to an attack of arthritis but is feeling so well now that he plans on an active season on the mapleways this winter.

HERE is the A.B.C. tournament record of John Koster, Nyack, N. Y., one of the greatest achievements on record in the files of the American Bowling Congress. The year, all-events score and comments follow:

1901—1617; second in singles and all-events.

1902—1841; won team and all-events title, marking first time all-events score of more than 1800 was shot in tournament; second in singles.

1904—1649.
1906—1604.
1909—1600.
1910—1719.
1911—1755; won team title.
1912—1673; won doubles title.
1921—1619.
1922—1721.
1923—1860; 600, 612, 648, 48th all-events.
1924—1632.
1925—1668.
1926—1621.
1928—1719; 661 in singles.
1929—1632.
1930—1694.
1931—1826; 597, 619, 610, 63rd all-events.
1932—1893; 673 in singles.
1935—1153; singles, doubles only.
1937—1706.
1940—1681.

Recapitulation: Won or shared four A.B.C. tournament championships; was second three times; owns lifetime A.B.C. tournament average of 189 plus.

Jesse C. Pritchett

Jesse C. Pritchett, Indianapolis, president of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and president of the Indianapolis Bowling Proprietors' Association, died Wednesday, September 3, as a result of a heart attack. Pritchett passed away at the home of a friend.

Pritchett, who was 57 years of age, was not only prominent in the bowling world but was well acquainted in baseball circles. At one time he was offered the managership of the Green Bay (Wisc.) club but declined it to enter the bowling business in Indianapolis, where he operated a recreation at 37 E. Maryland St.

Winner of various city, state and sectional tenpin championships, Pritchett was born near Cataract Falls, Owen County, Ind., and at the time of his death was a member of the Optimist Club, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 398 F. and A. M., the Elks Lodge and Memorial Presbyterian Church.

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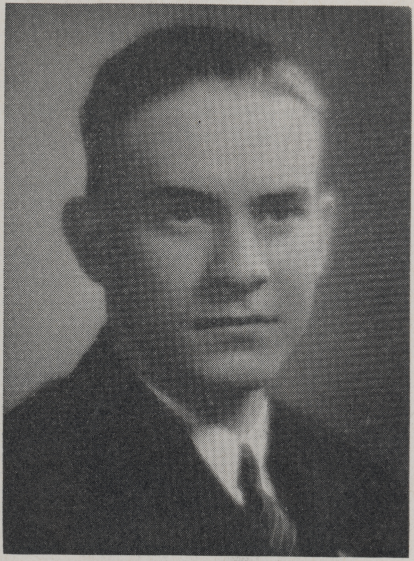

George Hage, a member of the Certification Department of the American Bowling Congress, is now in the United States Army Air Corps. He was affected by the Selective Service Act and has been stationed at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill.

Usher: "Are you a friend of the groom?"
Woman: "No. I'm the bride's mother."
—*Excavating*

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San Francisco

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spellbound in its grip. Joss houses, temples, bazaars, shops and busy streets all go together to make San Francisco's Chinatown a place of entrancing interest.

A parade in Chinatown

The fact that San Francisco is almost surrounded by water, having the Pacific Ocean on three sides of it, affords the visitor the pleasing sensation of going to sea while staying on good, dry land. The tang of salt air from the ocean may be felt over the entire city. It invigorates the mind and body and is claimed to be healthful.

Built on a series of towering hills, San Francisco offers an excellent view of the Golden Gate and the Bay Bridge. Its heights are an excellent location from which to view the maneuvers of the gunboats and cruisers of the United States Navy when they pull into the broad harbor of the bay. Its docks and wharves are universally known as the portal through which enter priceless cargoes from Asia and other parts of the east.

Much of San Francisco's beautiful civic center is often lost by the visitor who hurries through the city, stopping only to take in the sights of which he has often read. San Francisco's civic center is one of matchless design and beauty. Its hotels and huge business offices and stores give the "big city" atmosphere which is naturally lacking in Chinatown or at the sea shore. Its industries are as beyond count as they are diversified. Its shipping and commerce and trade are in keeping with the city's vast importance to the nation.

San Francisco is the gateway to the Hawaiian Islands, to the Orient, to the South Seas and to the South and Central American continents. Its fleets daily bring in boatloads of men and women from all these points. Its fishing schooners, long an attraction as they line up at Fisherman's Wharf, provide San Francisco with still another business—fish.

Fisherman's Wharf

Other points of interest for the traveler and A. B. C. tournament bowler should include Twin Peaks, the Presidio, Seal Rocks, the Embarcadero, the Palace of the Legion of Honor, Steinhart Aquarium, De Young Museum, the beautiful School of Fine Arts atop Russian Hill, the California Academy of Sciences, Stow Lake, the Japanese Tea Garden, the Band Concourse and Market Street—don't overlook busy Market Street with its four sets of street car lines.

San Francisco is but a stone's throw across the bay from Berkeley, where is located the University of California and from Palo Alto, site of Leland Stanford University and home of ex-President Herbert Hoover.

Not far from San Francisco you will find famed Yosemite National Park, including the great falls, Redwood Highway with its huge trees through the trunks of which a car can be driven, Lake Tahoe, Lassen Volcano and Monterey Peninsula.

San Francisco has a lot to offer the visitor and its bid for the 1944 A. B. C. tournament is partly based upon the conviction that it has so much to give the visiting bowlers.

West Bend Kegelers Elect Holl President

Milton Holl was elected president of the West Bend (Wisc.) Bowling Association at a dinner-meeting held August 26. The election was one of the highlights for a gathering of 137 West Bend bowlers who attended. The chief speakers were Stoney McGlynn, sports editor of the Milwaukee Sentinel, and Tiny Calhoon, coach of the Milwaukee Chiefs, Milwaukee entry in the American Professional Football League, all members of which team were also present.

Other officers named were Herb Meyer, vice-president, and E. J. Altendorf, secretary-treasurer. Those in attendance included Clarence Jonen, secretary of the Milwaukee Bowling Association and the Wisconsin State Bowling Association, and A. E. Pischke, a director of the state tenpin organization. Robert Rolfs of West Bend was the toastmaster.

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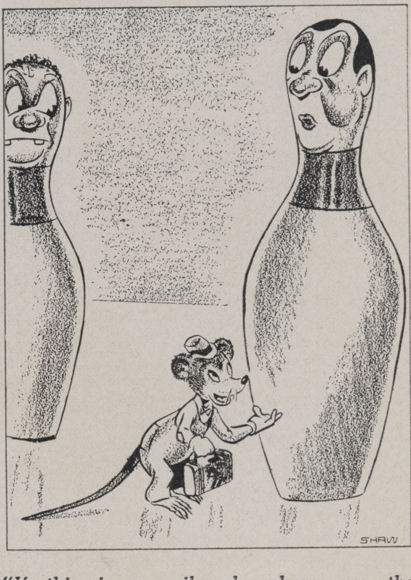

"If this is a railroad, where are the tracks?"

Knotty Problems

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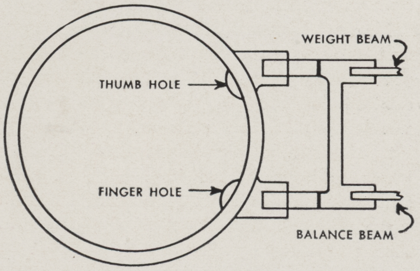
It has proven to be the most sensitive and the most accurate of this type of balance scale. Considerable explanation is necessary for thorough understanding of every operation in properly weighing and balancing bowling balls six ways. We have, therefore, prepared a special circular containing general instructions for weighing and balancing bowling balls on dodo scales which anyone may obtain by writing the ABC headquarters office. From these sketches anyone should be able to get the general idea of the procedure followed by the ball weigher.

POSITION NO. 4 — WEIGHING BOTTOM OF BALL.


WEIGHT BEAM
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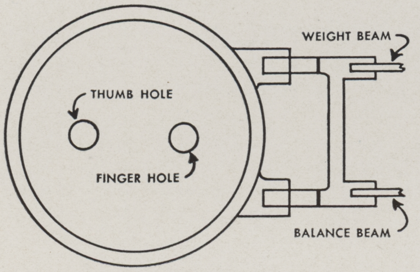
BALANCE BEAM

A word about the gross weight of the ball. While few bowlers ever present balls weighing over 16 pounds at any sanctioned tournament, it is deemed advisable that where no dodo scale is available in the locality where the bowler or proprietor happens to be, he should at least be able to locate an approved gross weight beam scale, in order that the gross weight may be determined. Spring scales are not always accurate and should not be used for the purpose of obtaining the gross weight of a bowling ball. While the most important thing in weighing and balancing a ball is determining its proper balance, if this cannot be done locally then at least make certain it is not overweight. It is not pleasant for anyone to have the ball to which he has become accustomed rejected at a sanctioned tournament.

POSITION NO. 5 — WEIGHING FRONT SIDE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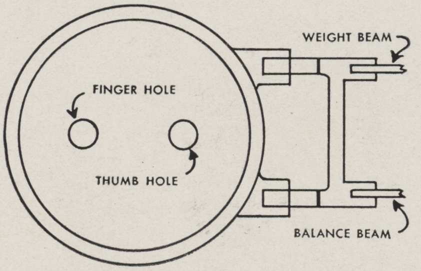
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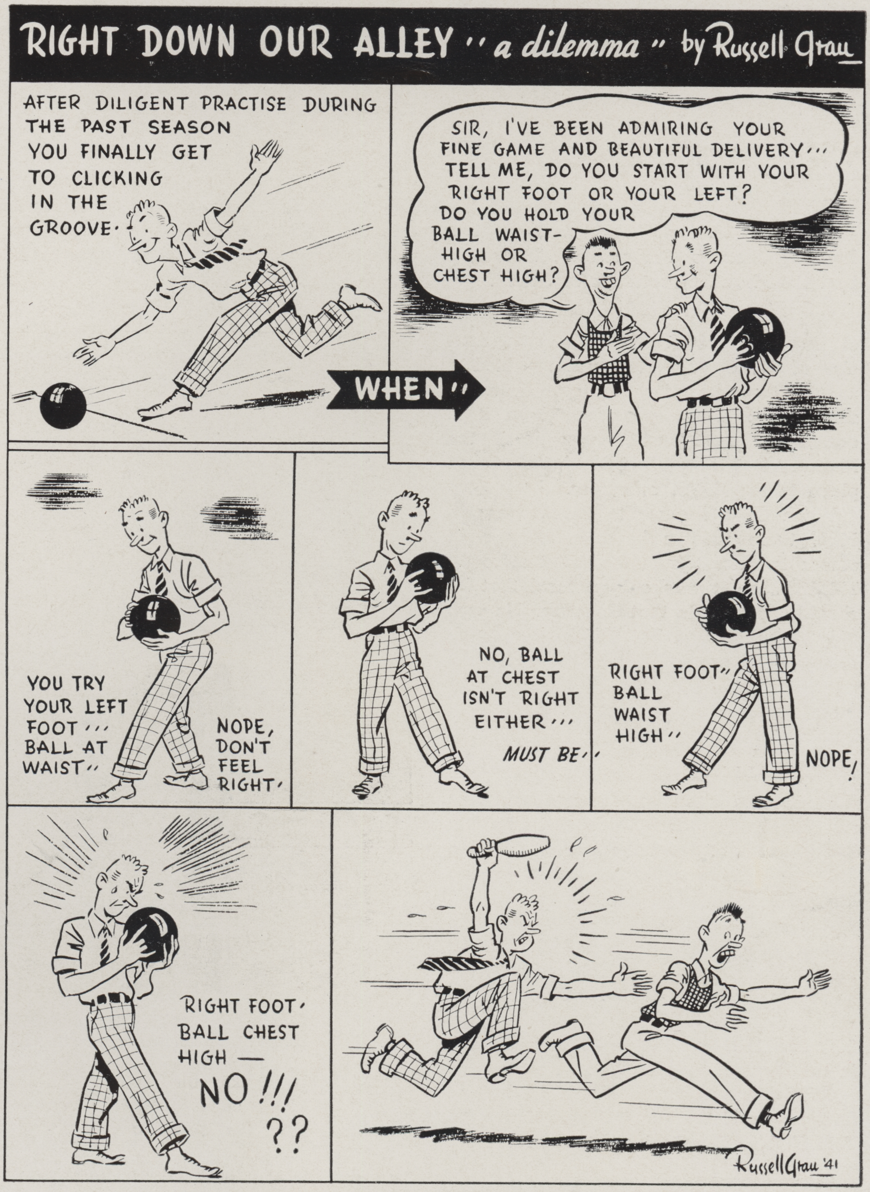
In our opinion, the time is not far distant when the American Bowling Congress will insist upon some method being employed whereby every ball used by members of the Congress will be tested locally. The same applies to those balls available to bowlers in every bowling alley establishment. At the present time, the ABC depends upon the integrity of the bowling proprietor and bowler, but each year at the annual American Bowling Congress tournament, as well as in other sanctioned tournaments where the ball of every participant is weighed, quite a number of balls are rejected because they fail to conform with the necessary requirements herein mentioned. It is hoped, therefore, that everyone, including operators a bowlers, will make every effort to cooperate in weeding out these illegal balls by having any ball or balls they own tested locally, provided a scale is available in their locality. We urge everyone who owns a bowling ball scale to weigh anyone's ball without charge whenever presented at their office or business establishment. Prior to the American Bowling Congress tournament at St. Paul, thousands of bowling balls owned by Twin City bowlers and proprietors were tested by the ABC without charge. There is no reason why this service cannot hereafter be available in every district where there is a dodo scale.


RIGHT DOWN OUR ALLEY "a dilemma" by Russell Grau
AFTER DILIGENT PRACTISE DURING THE PAST SEASON YOU FINALLY GET TO CLICKING IN THE GROOVE.
WHEN"
SIR, I'VE BEEN ADMIRING YOUR FINE GAME AND BEAUTIFUL DELIVERY... TELL ME, DO YOU START WITH YOUR RIGHT FOOT OR YOUR LEFT? DO YOU HOLD YOUR BALL WAIST-HIGH OR CHEST HIGH?
YOU TRY YOUR LEFT FOOT... BALL AT WAIST"
NOPE, DON'T FEEL RIGHT.
NO, BALL AT CHEST ISN'T RIGHT EITHER...
MUST BE"
RIGHT FOOT" BALL WAIST HIGH"
NOPE!
RIGHT FOOT. BALL CHEST HIGH — NO!!! ??
Russell Grau '41

He: "Darling, I've bought you a brand new washing machine. You just press a button and all the work's done."

"Who's going to press the button?"

—*Wall Street Journal*

Bowling Veteran Popular Figure in Parksburg

▼ By ROY F. FELDON

WHEN a certain elderly, gray-haired, slightly rotund gentleman slides gracefully to the foul line and watches his ball curl into the pocket, the fans at the Coliseum Bowling Center of Parkersburg, W. Va., are watching one of the city's best-known and best-liked bowling veterans in action.

And action it is, too, for after 40 years of bowling and at the not-too-advanced age of 54, Charlie Stephenson posted a neat 187 average for the last season to show some of the young-uns how it is done, and the team he sponsors—the Marietta Paints—pushed hard for second place in the All Star League.

When Charlie came to Parkersburg in 1901, there was a bowling alley right across the street from the paint store on Third St., so it was only natural that he should gravitate in that direction. He was only about 14 then, but kids his age were rolling good scores—200 or thereabouts—on the right-hand alley of the two-lane setup, so Charlie gave it a try. He's been bowling since.

Charlie Stephenson

TRICKY ALLEY

There was a bit of trickery about that right-hand alley. There was sort of a hollow place right down the middle, so all a kid had to do was lug the ball up to the line, give it a heave, and wait. The ball would dribble down that groove into the pocket like water into a funnel. Miller, the owner, figured that high scores were good for trade. The left alley, though, was pretty level. On it Charlie rolled a 207, and that was when he was 14, and in the days of wooden balls.

Charlie sniped around for a while, and finally wound up in a league at the old Y. M. C. A. alleys, since then removed. The measurements on them are forgotten, but they were definitely not standard.

Charlie's high game at the "Y" alleys was 256, and his all-time high, made at the Recreation Alleys, was 288. The perfect 300 has always eluded him.

The saddest moment Charlie has had for a long time came when he was scoring for a friend, Bill Grotey, while he rolled a game. Bill made a split on his first ball, and then rolled eleven strikes. Just for luck, he took another ball, and another strike, which meant he had, to all practical purposes, rolled a 300 game, if he had used his first ball for a practice shot. Charlie felt as bad over his friend's close miss as he has over his own close tries at the 300.

TO APPEAR AT COLUMBUS

Charlie has bowled in four A.B.C. tournaments, his high three-game being 645, and the majority of his others going well into the 500's. He plans to make the Columbus shindig in the spring.

He shows up at the alleys every night, and the rest of the oldtimers would be pretty sure he was ill if he ever missed a night. Bowling is his one great sport—whisper it, but he does sneak off for a bit of fishing sometimes—and Charlie gives to bowling the best he can. His sportsmanship is local legend, and it isn't mere show. That's part of the game to him, and to others, its part of Charlie.

SUPPORTS HIGH SCHOOLERS

Charlie has only words of praise for the A.B.C. and the manager of the local alleys, Marcus J. "Nick" Nichols, and his partner, James A. Chacona, for their management of local bowling. He believes one part of bowling that isn't being built up enough is the high school leagues. "There's where the future bowlers are going to come from," he says, "And we ought to do all we can to get them started well."

Charlie is a bit worried about his 187 average. "It's fallen off a bit," he says, "I had 193 year before last. I guess I'm getting old."

When does he plan to give up bowling? "Every time I roll a 450 series I try to sell my ball for fifty cents; but I guess it will finally be when they come after me with a box."

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